

Miracle Worker

Part Three: *fish*

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This summer, we are examining some of Jesus' greatest miracles to get to know Him better and learn to trust Him with every part of our lives! Last week, we looked at some of Jesus' miracles of healing around the city of Capernaum. Today, we're going to look at one of Jesus' miracles of nature that he performed on Lake Galilee.

Jesus fills Peter's net with fish. Luke 5:1-11

1st - Luke shows us Jesus is the source of truth.

Vs. 1-3

This is not the same event as the one described in Matthew 4:18–22 and Mark 1:16–20. Jesus had enlisted Peter, Andrew, James, and John earlier, and they had traveled with Him in Capernaum and Galilee (Mark 1:21–39). By this time, Jesus had performed lots of miracles in front of these fishermen, including healing Simon's mother-in-law. These men believed Jesus was the Messiah (John 1:41), but they were not at this time following Him on a "full-time" basis. This day, a large crowd gathered around Jesus by the lake of Gennesaret to hear him teach. (This lake was also called Lake Galilee, the Sea of Galilee, the Sea of Kinnereth, and the Sea of Tiberias.)

Why did so many people want to hear Jesus teach?

- Jesus taught the Word of God.

When Luke says "*great crowds pressed in on Jesus to listen to the Word of God*" he means people came to listen to Jesus because when He spoke, they literally heard God speaking (John 7:16)! Jesus didn't teach man-made traditions; He taught the truth (John 8:31-46; 12:49-50).

2nd – Luke shows us Jesus is omniscient and omnipotent. Vs. 4-7

After He finished teaching, Jesus told Simon, to go out where it is deeper and let down his nets to catch some fish. A tired and frustrated Peter told Jesus that he had fished all night and did not catch a single fish. The last thing Simon wanted to do was fish in the middle of the lake in the middle of the day!

Why did Peter obey Jesus?

- Peter submitted to Jesus because he had seen Jesus do amazing things.

Peter had fished all night long without success, but Jesus – the One who created all things – knew where the fish were hiding (Col. 1:16). No creature is hidden from Jesus' eyes (Matt. 10:29; Heb. 4:13)! Jesus found the fish and ordered them to swim into Peter's net!

3rd – Luke shows us Jesus is holy.

Vs. 8-10a

Jesus had shown the fishermen that He spoke the truth and was the omniscient and omnipotent Son of God. Peter called Jesus *Lord* and asked Him to leave him. He knew he was a sinner in the presence of God!

4th – Luke shows us Jesus is merciful.

Vs. 10b-11

Jesus accepted Peter's sacrifice of repentance (Psalm 51:17) and told Peter and his companions they did not need to be afraid of Him. They were unworthy to be next to Jesus, but the Son of God could save them and use them to spread His gospel (Matt. 28:18-20)!

What does this miracle teach us about Jesus?

- This miracle shows us Jesus is Lord over all creation.
- This miracle shows us why we should do what Jesus wants us to do.
- This miracle also shows us that Jesus wants to use us to do His work on Earth.
- This miracle forces us to ask some hard questions like:

Do I believe Jesus is the Lord over all creation?

Am I willing to go deeper with Jesus?

Do I want to catch people for the kingdom of God?